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## **Ken Stettler Named Licensing Director**

Ken Stettler has been named director of the Office of Licensing in the Department of Human Services. A 25-year DHS employee, Stettler formerly worked in the Division of Youth Corrections.

"I want to make the focus of the office more customer friendly, both for the public and the providers we license," Stettler said.

Stettler has been involved in licensing issues for many years, first in Youth Corrections and later when the Office of Licensing was created.

"My primary interest in licensing came from the years I spent there where I realized the importance the office has in protecting all Human Services clients," Stettler said. "A lot of children come to Utah for treatment from other states and sometimes our office is the only agency regulating those providers."

Stettler worked on the initial licensing of youth wilderness programs in Utah and was responsible for licensing all youth programs statewide from 1990 until 1995.

Stettler has a master's degree in management and youth leadership and a bachelor's degree in therapeutic recreation, both from Brigham Young University.

He replaces Reta Oram who retired in April.

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